



USS LST-791

Builder: Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Commissioned: 27 September 1944

Decommissioned: 28 May 1946

Disposition: Sold for scrapping on 4 June 1948 to the Walter W. Johnson Co.

Length: 327' 9" oa

Beam: 50'

Draft: 1' 6" bow, 7' 5" stern (unloaded); 8' 2" bow, 14' 1" stern (loaded -- at sea);
3' 1" bow, 9' 6" (loaded -- beaching)

Displacement: 1,625 (light); 4,080 (w/ full load of 2,100 tons)

Propulsion: 2 x General Motors 12-567 diesels, twin shafts/rudders

Range: 24,000 nm @ 9 knots

Top Speed: 11.6 knots

Complement: 111

Troops: 163

Initial Armament: 7 x 40mm (single mount); 6 x 20 mm (single mount); 2 x .50-caliber mgs; 4 x .30-caliber mgs

Commanding Officers:

LT A. W. Duncan, USCGR: 9 August 1944 - 5 December 1944

LT Edward M. Horton, USCGR: 5 December 1944 -

LT(jg) Wm. E. Greer, USNR

LT M. E. Katona, USCGR: 27 March 1946 - 28 May 1946

History:

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LST Flotilla 29, Group 86, Division 172

The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-791* was commissioned at New Orleans on 27 September 1944. After commissioning she proceeded to St. Andrews Bay, Florida for two weeks of shakedown exercises returning to Theodore, Alabama, 1 November 1944, for loading.

The *LST-791* left Mobile Alabama on November 3rd for Pearl Harbor, via the Canal Zone and San Diego, arriving 10 December 1944. On December 29th she left Pearl Harbor for Leyte via Eniwetok and Kossol Passage, Palau. She departed Leyte 25 March 1945, for the invasion of Okinawa, arriving on D-day and remaining until 31 April 1945. Another call was made at Okinawa on 19 May 1945, after returning to Saipan and Guam, and from Okinawa she proceeded on 22 June 1945, for Leyte and thence to Subic Bay and Manila where she arrived on 25 August 1945.

She left Manila on 3 September 1945, and arrived in Tokyo on September 15th, and after unloading returned to Leyte on September 26th. She proceeded to Cebu on the 29th and from there to Tacloban on October 3rd, returning to Tokyo Bay on October 30th. She departed Tokyo Bay early in November, 1945, and arrived at San Francisco on 16 December 1945, via Saipan and Pearl Harbor. Here she was decommissioned on 28 May 1946.

The *LST-791* earned one battle star for her service during World War II.

Photographs:

None available.

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